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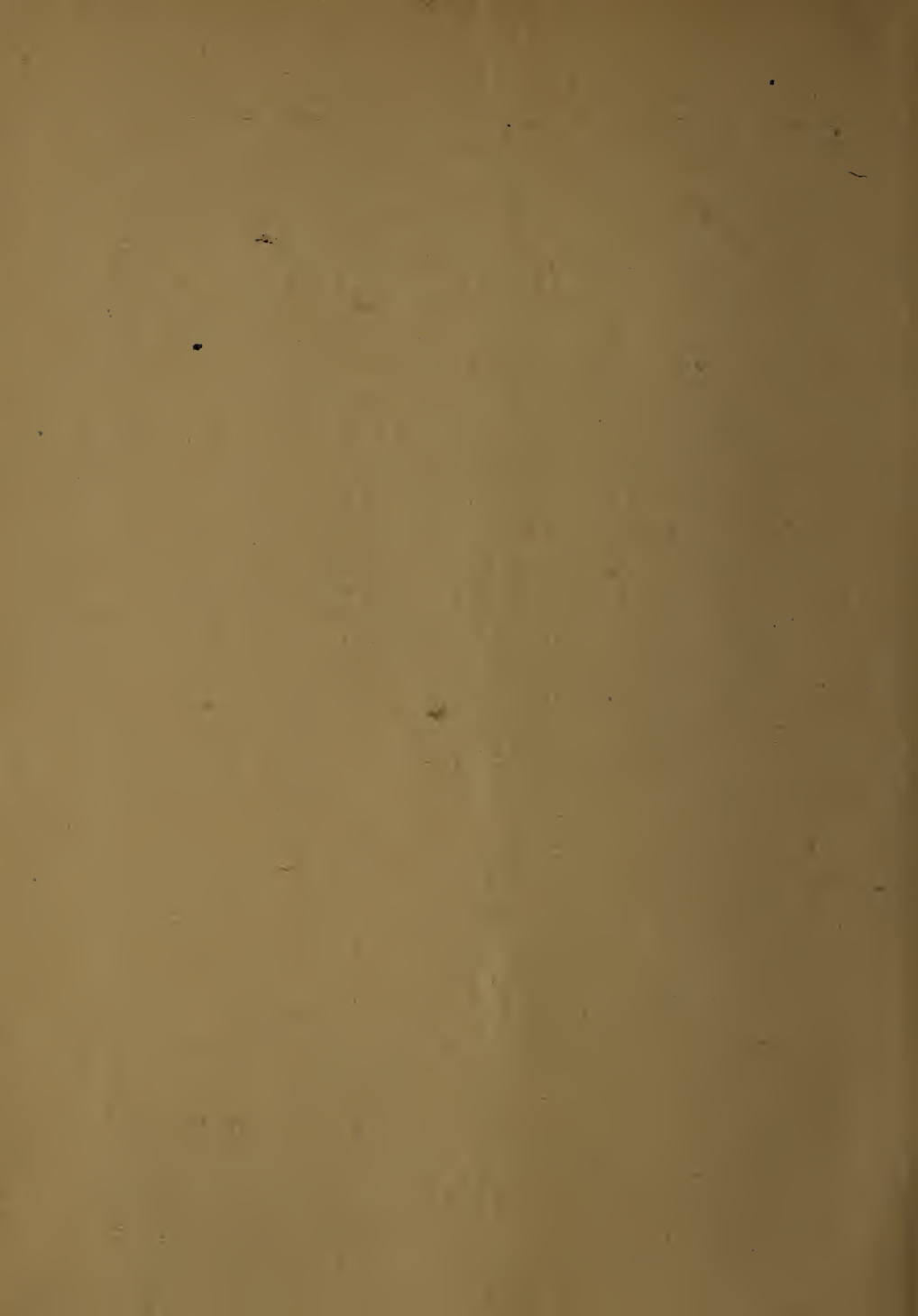
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For the year 1944



To the Fylde Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I present to you my Fifth Report as your Medical Officer of Health. At the request of the Ministry of Health it is purely of an interim character. As the Council are aware, my period of office dates from 1st April, 1940.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA.—The area of the Fylde Rural District is at present 33,159 statute acres.

POPULATION.—The population as per the census, 1931, was 15,750, and the estimated population (1944), 10,020.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.—The district is chiefly an agricultural one.

BIRTHS.—According to available figures, there were 192 births during the year belonging to your area, divided as 93 males and 99 females.

DEATHS.—These figures are obtained from figures supplied by the local registrars. There is seen to be a total of 157 deaths of which 76 were males and 81 females.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.—The Ambulance facilities for the district are very good.

(a) For Infectious cases: The Moss Side Isolation Hospital has a Motor Ambulance for conveyance of patients to the Hospital. The Elswick Sanatorium has also a Motor Ambulance for tuberculous patients.

(b) For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases: A Motor Ambulance for the conveyance of necessitous non-infectious and accident cases is hired by the Council when required.

- There are privately owned ambulance services in Wesham Blackpool and Preston which provide comfortable transport for those who can afford to pay the cost.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.—A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is provided by the County Council, and is situate in Mellor Road, Kirkham. The Centre is open for consultation and treatment on Thursday of each week, from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.—Use is made of the Dispensary at Elswick Sanatorium. This is under the care of the Medical Officer of that Institution.

SCHOOL CLINIC.—The Medical Inspection of School Children is carried out in all Schools by the School Medical Officer acting under the County Council. One of the advantages of the new scheme is that the Medical Officer of Health for the area is responsible for the School Medical Inspections.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC.—Treatment is given at the Preston Royal Infirmary, under a scheme of the County Council.

COMMENTS.—There has again been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year. Regarding causes of sickness or invalidity, there has been nothing noteworthy.

The district is largely agricultural and is on the whole a healthy district. With the exception of mill work, there are no occupations which one could term prejudicial to health. Employment has been good throughout the year ; this has been reflected in the improvement in the health of the children as demonstrated in routine medical inspections.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.—There are 3 Hospitals in the district, and one Sanatorium, viz., The Fylde Joint Isolation Hospital, at Moss Side, near Lytham, 64 beds, which is used for Infectious Diseases. This Hospital is used by the following districts :—Fleetwood, Poulton, Thornton, Fylde Rural, Kirkham, Lytham St. Annes, and occasionally by outlying districts.

Patients are not required to contribute towards cost of treatment. The cost of hospital treatment for infectious diseases to the Rural District for the year ending March 31st, 1944, was £121 14s. 6d., and for the year ending March 31st, 1945, £122 0s. 0d.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

There have been no arrangements made by the Local Authority for nursing in the home, but three separate District Nursing Associations operate in the district. Each employs one nurse, and are self-supporting, no financial obligations falling on the district.

LABORATORY WORK.

The examination of specimens for the detection of the Diphtheria organism has been carried out at the Preston Royal Infirmary Laboratory.

Specimens of sputum are sent to Elswick Sanatorium for the detection of the Tubercle bacillus.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ACTS OR GENERAL ADOPTIVE ACTS.

There have been no new local acts or adoption of any acts during the year.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Immunisation against diphtheria has continued throughout the year, the results are appended. Facilities are available at Kirkham Clinic every third Thursday in the month between 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. and at Freckleton by arrangement.

IMMUNISATION.

(1) Pre-School Children, 0-4 years. Total : 768.

No. Immunised, 1944.	Total immunised	%
81	524	68.23

(2) School Children, 5-14 years. Total, 1,456.

No. Immunised, 1944.	Total Immunised.	%
Nil	1,237	85.00

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)
DURING THE YEAR 1944.

"NOTIFIABLE" DISEASE.	Total Cases at All Ages.	CASES NOTIFIED.											HOSPITAL	
		YEARS.											Total Cases remov- ed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital of Persons belong- ing to District.
		Under 1.	1-2.	2-3.	3-4.	4-5.	5-10.	10-15.	15-20.	20-35.	35-45.	45-65.		
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	26	...	...	1	2	3	12	5	1	1	1	...	24	...
Acute Primary Pneumonia	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia														
Diphtheria, including Membrane- ous Croup	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...
Enteric Fever (including Para- typhoid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria contracted abroad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
In this country	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Any other diseases notifiable in district, e.g.—Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles and German Measles	14	1	...	2	1	2	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Any other disease... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	50	2	1	4	3	5	19	9	3	1	2	1	29	...

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1944.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0— ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1— ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5— ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
10— ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
15— ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
20— ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
25— ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35— ...	4	...	...	1	1	1	...	...
45— ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
55— ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	7	4	1	3	1	1	...	...

All the cases which died had already been notified under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations.

Notification of Tuberculosis in the Fylde Rural District is, usually, fairly good, and no action has been necessary with regard to wilful neglect or refusal to notify.

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

The district is under the care of the Medical Officer of the Elswick Sanatorium. Every week, notifications of Tuberculosis (if any) are sent to the County Council. The Tuberculosis Officer visits each patient with the Medical Attendant, and, where necessary, domiciliary or sanatorium treatment is given. On the occasion of death, or removal to a sanatorium, the dwellings are disinfected.

I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation which is always freely available both from the members of the Council and fellow-officials.

Your obedient Servant,

L. FAY, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

The Fylde Rural District Council

WESHAM.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Fylde Rural District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Nineteenth Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

The following is a Summary of the work carried out during the past year :—

Informal notices	43
Statutory notices	11
Legal proceedings	2

MILK SUPPLY.—This, on the whole, is good. No milk is imported into the district.

The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders are carried out by the Fylde Rural Authority.

There are 327 Cowkeepers and 11 Registered Dairymen or Milksellers.

The approximate number of Cows in the district is 8,560.

WATER SUPPLY.

The approximate number of houses in your District with a direct supply from the mains of the Fylde Water Board is 2,615. Approximate number of houses supplied from other sources, 174. The district is very favourably situated in this respect.

SEDIMENT TESTS.

Forty-five samples of milk were examined, five of which proved unsatisfactory.

Bacteriological : No. of samples, seven ; six satisfactory.

Tuberculous Milk : No. of samples, four, all negative.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

There are 7 licensed Slaughter-houses in the district.

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

PREMISES.	Number of			Occupiers prosecuted.
	Inspections	Written Notices		
FACTORIES with mechanical power	2	—	—	—
FACTORIES without mechanical power	3	—	—	—
OTHER PREMISES under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
(1)				
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) { insufficient	—	—	—	—
{ unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Home Work or offences mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	—	—	—

PARTICULARS.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 9 bakehouses. The sanitary condition of these is satisfactory.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Middens	...	...	...	...	1,080
„ Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	164
„ Fresh Water Closets	...	...	...	...	1,424
„ Waste Water Closets	...	...	...	...	12
„ Dry Ashpits	...	...	...	...	379
„ Movable Ashbins	...	...	...	...	1,246
Conversion to Fresh Water Closets	...	...	...	...	3

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Nil.

Byelaws were adopted in 1886.

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Number of Factories on the Register at the end of the year, 46.

DISINFECTION.

The number of houses disinfected total 33. The rooms are all sealed, and bedding, etc., is hung up in the room and left for 8 hours ; then all washable articles are soaked for a further 24 hours in liquid disinfectant.

HOUSING.

(A) STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year...	...	Nil.
(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) :—		
(i) By the Local Authority	...	—
(ii) By other Local Authorities...	...	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	...	2

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—

(i) By the Local Authority (included under (a) (i) above)...	—
(ii) By other bodies (included under (a) (iii) above)...	—

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	93
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..	93
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ...	14
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	14
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil.
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	25

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :—

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	19
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Action under statutory powers during the year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936...	Nil.
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By owners Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 43

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—

(a) By owners 39

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil.

Housing Act 1936. Part IV.—Overcrowding :—

- | | | |
|---------|--|------|
| (a) (i) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end
of the year | Nil. |
| (ii) | Number of families dwelling therein... .. | Nil. |
| (iii) | Number of persons dwelling therein... .. | Nil. |
| (b) | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported
during the year | Nil. |
| (c) (i) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved
during the year | Nil. |
| (ii) | Number of persons concerned in such cases... | Nil. |

During the year an extension of the Fylde Water Board's mains in Greenhalgh and Medlar-with-Wesham has been carried out. The extensions are 6-inch main 2,380 yards, 4-inch main 1,330 yards, and serve 25 properties.

Your obedient Servant,

FRED S. ROSCOE.

